

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/NZ2004/000182

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. 7: A61M 16/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI and keywords: A61M and humidifier and water and receptacle and similar terms

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| X | WO 2002/066106 A1 (RESMED LIMITED) 29 August 2002 Page 6 lines 11 to 20, figure 1 | 1 |
| P, X | DE 10226160 A1 (HOFFRICHTER GMBH) 8 January 2004 Figures 2 and 5 | 1 |
| A | US 4152379 A (SUHR) 1 May 1979 Whole document | |
| A | US 4588425 A (USRY et al.) 13 May 1986 Whole document | |



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| Patent Document Cited in Search Report | | | Patent Family Member | | | | |
|---|----------|------|----------------------|----|----------|----|------------|
| WO | 02066106 | EP | 1359962 | EP | 1359963 | US | 2004055597 |
| | | US | 2004060559 | WO | 02066107 | | |
| DE | 10226160 | NONE | | | | | |
| US | 4152379 | NONE | | | | | |
| US | 4588425 | AU | 34877/84 | CA | 1242640 | EP | 0141399 |
| | | JP | 60122571 | | | | |
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| Applicant's or agent's file reference 509028 DIS | FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below. | |
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Applicant

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- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III).

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